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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Hilda Acevedo and I am from the town of Vernon. The bill number 5621, An Act Concerning Human Trafficking is a bill I am in full support of. The reason I am in full support of this bill is because I feel it addresses different elements that will help eliminate the risk of human trafficking. For example, Sec 3 of the bill states that all hotels, motels or similar lodging shall maintain records for no less than six months from date of creation. This will hold hotels and similar lodging accountable to do their part to prevent human trafficking. Sec four states that all employees of hotels or similar lodging receive annual training on the recognition of potential victims of human trafficking and activities commonly associated with human trafficking. Sec five states that no operator of a motel or similar lodging shall offer an hourly rate for any sleeping accommodation. These sections of the bill are very important because they hold these establishments accountable for their part in prevention of human trafficking. Hotels and other lodging areas often turn a blind eye to human trafficking because they are able to profit from it themselves. If the more awareness and prevention there could be, the better the state is able to fight against it.

Another reason I believe this bill should go forward as a law is because in section 10. Section 53a-90a it states "A person is guilty of enticing a minor when such person uses an interactive computer service to knowingly persuade, induce, entice or coerce any person under sixteen years of age...." The amendment to that section is taking out the age of sixteen, and raising it to eighteen in order to protect minors. Any minor who falls is coerced into any form of prostitution is a victim and therefore should be protected.

This bill is very important to me. Thank you for taking time to read my written testimony.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

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